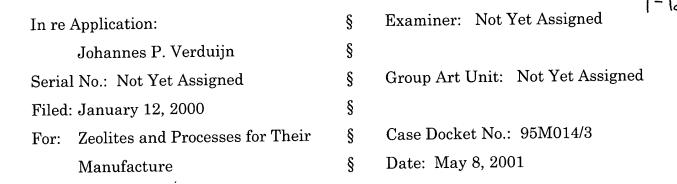
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-25, and 35.

Respectfully submitted,

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